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One of the last living members of St. Petersburg's ‘Courageous 12’ has died

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ST. PETERSBURG — One of the last two living members of the "Courageous 12," a group of black police officers who successfully sued the city more than 50 years ago for the right to patrol white neighborhoods, died Friday. He was 81.

The news of Freddie Lee Crawford's passing came Saturday afternoon in a Twitter post by the Police Department. "He will be remembered for leading the way for African-Americans & minorities to serve the community in every rank of law enforcement," it said.

Police Chief Anthony Holloway, who is black, praised the efforts by Crawford and the other officers in a phone interview.

'48 years is enough'

Activists and Celebrities Call for Release of Ex-Black Panther

Image

Leading civil rights activists, academics, actors and writers are calling on Andrew Cuomo to release Jalil Muntaqim, a former Black Panther who has been in prison for 48 years for one of the most high-profile killings of the 1970s black liberation struggle.

Seventy-five prominent public figures have signed a letter to the governor of New York state, headlined: “48 years is enough”. The letter

asks Cuomo to commute Muntaqim's sentence to time served. They include the writer and activist Angela Davis, who was herself put on trial for a 1970 courtroom kidnapping but later acquitted.

Among other signers are Cornel West of Harvard university, actor Danny Glover, Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors, film-maker Boots Riley and Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow.

Officer Bonnie Breeze puts the heart in Tustin PD's homeless outreach

Image

Officer Bonnie Breeze of the Tustin Police Department recently checked on a family of seven who had been living out of their vehicle parked in various locations around Tustin.

With help translating to Spanish from Monica Contreras, a case manager from the homeless assistance non-profit City Net, Breeze

asked parents Alberto Rodriguez and Sheila Romero about their work history and identification paperwork from the Mexican government. Meanwhile, another City Net case manager, Reeny Burgula, complimented their 8-year-old daughter on her sweater emblazoned with “love” before she left for school.

Portugal arrests 17 Hells Angels biker gang members in raids across country

Image

LISBON (Reuters) - Portuguese police arrested 17 members of the Hells Angels motorcycle club on Tuesday on suspicion of organized crime activity, authorities said.

Around 150 officers, including anti-terrorism personnel, took part in raids on homes and commercial establishments across Portugal, the Judiciary Police (PJ) said in a statement.

Kenya, Cameroon Militaries Fighting Terrorism Through Development

Image

YAOUNDE - A delegation from the Kenyan military is sharing experience on how the Cameroon military engineering corps has taken over road construction projects in Boko Haram terrorism prone areas to use the example and develop areas of its territory threatened by Al-Shabab which they say is still a threat. The Kenyan delegation has been in Cameroon for several days.

A Cameroon military engineering corps compactor is constructing a portion of the road linking its northern border town of Kousseri to the Chadian capital Ndjamena and Borno state in northeastern Nigeria.

Cops eye Hells Angels' party

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A raid on the their clubhouse earlier this week didn't appear to slow down festivities at an annual Hells Angels BBQ event in Kelowna Saturday.

Dozens of motorcycles were parked outside the Kelowna Hells Angels clubhouse in the city's North End Saturday, and riders showed up throughout the afternoon.

Many sported the Hells Angels “death head” logo on their jackets, while others appeared to be affiliated with various support clubs.

Sgt. Brenda Winpenny, media relations officer with B.C.'s Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit, said the gathering was the annual K-Town BBQ Cook Off, hosted by the Kelowna chapter of the Hells Angels for the past eight years.

Blanket ban on facial-recognition tool

makes us all less safe

Image

According to San Francisco, you can’t trust the police. Apparently, Microsoft agrees. Powerful technologies like artificial intelligence and facial recognition shouldn’t be in the hands of U.S. law enforcement — the potential for abuse is too high, according to Microsoft President Brad Smith. Smith has concerns for blanket surveillance, autonomous weapons and other irreversible courses of action.

Maybe Smith should talk to the other Microsoft that is actively collaborating with China’s National University of Defense Technology (NUDT). China uses facial recognition to monitor and score citizen behavior. According to an April 2019 news report, “Microsoft has been collaborating with researchers linked to a Chinese military-backed university on artificial intelligence, elevating concerns that U.S. firms are contributing to China's high-tech surveillance and censorship apparatus.”

FinCEN Holds Fifth Annual Awards Program to Recognize Importance of Bank Secrecy Act Reporting by Financial Institutions

Image

WASHINGTON—Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) Director Kenneth A. Blanco hosted the fifth annual FinCEN Director's Law Enforcement Awards Program today, during which he recognized the efforts of several law enforcement agencies that used Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) reporting to successfully pursue and prosecute criminal investigations. The BSA's recordkeeping and reporting requirements help to create a financial trail that law enforcement agencies use to track criminals, their activities, and their assets.

"The cases recognized today make clear that BSA data is critical in the fight against financial crime," said Sigal P. Mandelker, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. "I commend the award recipients and their agencies. Their use of this information

demonstrates the value of the financial industry's continued partnership and commitment."

"BSA data is an important part of our national security apparatus and how we protect the people of our nation from criminals, terrorists, and other bad actors," said FinCEN Director Kenneth A. Blanco. "The successful prosecution of the cases recognized here today demonstrates that the information that financial institutions report to us through their BSA filings makes a difference in the lives of many people every day. It provides leads, helps expand cases, identifies networks of criminals and other bad actors, and often helps to alert the regulatory and law enforcement communities to trends in illicit activity, making our communities safer."

FinCEN's annual awards program underscores the importance of a successful partnership between the financial industry that provides BSA information and the law enforcement agencies that use it. Today's ceremony was held following the conclusion of the Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group (BSAAG) Plenary. Chaired by the Director of FinCEN, BSAAG is the congressionally-established forum for industry, regulators, and law enforcement to communicate about how law enforcement agencies use BSA reports, and how recordkeeping and reporting requirements can be improved. Representatives from financial industry trade groups assisted in the presentation of each award.

Cybercrime group that used malware to steal $100 million from online banking accounts shut down

Image

Is cybercrime more of a threat than terrorism?

Intelligence officials believe so, saying that cyberattackers are the main threat against the United States in the modern era.

A criminal indictment from a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh, USA charges ten individuals from Russia, Eastern Europe and former Soviet states with infecting victim's computers with GozNym malware to steal online banking login credentials, using those stolen credentials to gain access to accounts and stealing money from victims before laundering the funds into bank accounts controlled by the criminals. More than 41,000 computers were infected with the malware.

Crime ring targeted high rollers at Detroit casinos for carjackings, robberies

Image

DETROIT (WXYZ) — It was a terrifying and violent crime spree that often targeted victims as they left Detroit casinos. One victim in particular, escaped a gunshot that barely missed.

It happened on the freeway, police say. Under the cover of night, the crew would carjack the victims after bumping into their cars after they left the casino.

"It was all based on greed," U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider said. "So, when they had a common goal, which was to rob people of their money and split the proceeds, things went really well."

‘Organized crime’ behind TrickBot cyberattack on Coventry schools, says FBI

Image

A cyberattack that closed Coventry Local Schools on Monday and compromised the district's computer system has drawn the attention of the FBI, Superintendent Lisa Blough said.

Blough said in a phone interview that the FBI reached out to the district on Monday. She spoke with an agent who gave her details on the TrickBot malware infecting the district's computer system.

"He shared with me that the goal of the virus is to get banking information or money from those that are attacked," Blough said. "One of the first computers infected was in the treasurer's office."

A couple of employees believe their Amazon accounts were infiltrated, Blough said.

Arab Communities Protest Failure of Israeli Police to Fight Organized Crime

Image

About 500 residents of the towns of Tamra and Shfaram protested in front of the police station in Shfaram Monday against the Israeli police's failure to fight crime in Arab communities.

Tamra mayor Suheil Diab said that protesters "point a finger at the racist Netanyahu government and its police, who don't do enough to fight criminal organizations" that threaten the security of Arab citizens. On Sunday, a general strike was announced in Tamra in protest of the murder of Wissam Jawdat Yassin on Saturday, and other violent incidents that take place there almost daily.

Sports Bettor ‘Vegas Dave’ Gets 3-year Sportsbook Ban

Image

Prominent sports bettor David Oancea, known in gambling circles as “Vegas Dave,” must stay out of Las Vegas sportsbooks for three years, a judge ruled Monday.

Oancea, who pleaded guilty in federal court to a misdemeanor in January, took to social media shortly after walking out of the Lloyd George U.S. Courthouse with his attorneys, David Chesnoff and Richard Schonfeld, as a camera crew followed them.

Oancea wrote of his sentencing on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, where he has nearly a million combined followers.

“For the last three years, I’ve faced the biggest gamble of my life being indicted by the Federal Government on 19 felony counts carrying a potential sentence of 40+ years in federal prison,” part of his nearly 2,000-word Facebook post read. “But true to who I am — a gambling man — I bet on myself and decided at that moment to stand up for my constitutional rights and to defend my freedom and innocence.”

How highly organized criminals are targeting retailers and costing you money

Image

Organized retail crimes are becoming a full-time job for criminals. That practice is costing you, the consumer, and investigators believe social media makes it increasingly easy for the thieves to make a profit.

Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Kohls, Dillard's, Family Dollar and Gordmans have more in common than weekly sales. Many stores are being hit by organized retail crimes, specifically the "snatch and grab."

If you've ever finished shopping and noticed a car speeding away as you were leaving, you may have witnessed the getaway from a crime.

The Global Initiative at the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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Next week (20–24 May), UN member states and civil-society groups will gather in Vienna for the annual session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) at the headquarters of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime will be taking an active role at the CCPCJ, hosting events on a wide range of issues, such as environmental crime, organized crime in the Sahel and the Western Balkans, the review mechanism of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and – most importantly – presenting the launch of our new Resilience Fund against organized crime. Details of all our events can be found at the end of this document.

A number of resolutions that will be debated at this year's CCPCJ session relate to recent research conducted by the Global Initiative. In particular, we highlight the following areas in which the Global Initiative has recently produced research and analysis that we hope can contribute to productive discussion among CCPCJ delegates.

Texas Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Provide Material Support to a Foreign Terrorist Organization

Image

A Fort Worth man today pleaded guilty to a federal terrorism charge, announced Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers and U.S. Attorney Erin Nealy Cox for the Northern District of Texas.

Michael Kyle Sewell, 18, who was arrested in February, formally pleaded guilty to conspiracy to provide material support to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistani-based foreign terrorist organization also known as LeT.

According to court documents, Sewell admitted to encouraging an individual, identified in court documents only as coconspirator 1, to join LeT.

Sewell then provided the coconspirator, who he spoke to on social media, with contact information for an individual he believed could facilitate the coconspirator's travel to Pakistan to join LeT. Unbeknownst to Sewell and the coconspirator, the facilitator was an undercover FBI agent.

Nationwide Survey Shows Scope of Law Enforcement Contact with Mentally Ill Individuals

Image

DALLAS, May 17, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Nearly all law enforcement officers have had an interaction with an individual who is mentally ill or experiencing a mental health crisis, and 60% of officers say mentally ill individuals make up at least 11% of their contacts. The statistics come from a just-released report from Lexipol, the nation's leading source of mission-critical training and state-specific policy solutions for law enforcement agencies.

People experiencing a mental crisis have a higher chance of an interaction with law enforcement officers. Some incidents involve criminal conduct, but often officers are called because there is no one else to respond. There is a vast amount of anecdotal evidence showing the negative impacts of this issue—strained resources, burnt out or demoralized officers, and injuries or even death to the people in crisis. But data is frequently lacking to explain the complicated connection between law enforcement and the mentally ill.

Verizon DBIR: Ransomware still a major threat, despite reports

Image

Verizon said the reports of ransomware's decline have been greatly exaggerated.

Several cybersecurity vendors and service providers published research over the last year that showed ransomware attacks declined significantly in favor of cryptomining attacks. The 2019 Verizon Data

Breach Investigations Report (DBIR), however, still ranked ransomware as one of the most prevalent threats of last year.

Among security incidents that involved specific malware functionality, the Verizon DBIR found 24% exhibited ransomware functionality, which was second only to command-and-control functionality (47%).

"Ransomware is still a major issue for organizations and is not forced to rely on data theft in order to be lucrative," the report stated.

The Motherboard e-Glossary of Cyber Terms and Hacking Lingo

Image

One of the challenges of writing—and reading—about hacking is that it's a world full of jargon and technical terms. It's our job as journalists to translate this lingo and make it understandable to the average

reader.

Still, accuracy is important and sometimes you have to use the right terms. To help you navigate our stories during our special week on cybersecurity, The Hacks We Can't See, (and our future and continued coverage of hacking) we thought it'd be good to have a little glossary.

'We made a huge mistake'

Police forgot to investigate teacher for 3 years after accused of molesting student

Image

The department claims “we made a huge mistake”.

And yet for some reason, the story remained buried.

But now that the elections are over, and the police chief who oversaw

the department has been elected Mayor… we're learning much more about the failures that happened.

Here's what happened.

Deonte Taylor was a teacher with HIV who was accused of taking a student out of class and molesting him. The then went on to get jobs at several other districts… but police never even questioned him.

Now he's accused of rape and attempted murder and went unchecked in schools for years.

DHS warns of 'strong concerns' that Chinese-made drones are stealing data

Image

Washington (CNN)Chinese-made drones may be sending sensitive flight data to their manufacturers in China, where it can be accessed by the government there, the US Department of Homeland Security

warned in an alert issued Monday obtained by CNN.

The drones are a "potential risk to an organization's information," the alert from DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency states. The products "contain components that can compromise your data and share your information on a server accessed beyond the company itself."

The report does not name any specific manufacturers, but nearly 80% of the drones used in the US and Canada come from DJI, which is headquartered in Shenzhen, China, according to one industry analysis. US local law enforcement organizations and infrastructure operators have grown to rely on drones in recent years.

"The United States government has strong concerns about any technology product that takes American data into the territory of an authoritarian state that permits its intelligence services to have unfettered access to that data or otherwise abuses that access," the alert says.

For National Police Week, one group is calling attention to law enforcement suicide

Image

Melissa Swailes, was at her mother's house baking a cake for her son's birthday, when her husband, David, a Los Angles police officer called to tell her he needed help and was on the way to the police station to find it.

It was February 26, 2016, and she knew that her husband, a Navy veteran had not been acting like himself. In fact, at one point, he took all the interior doors in the house off their hinges.

"The last the thing he said to me was, 'I am going to go down to the station, I'll call you when I get there. Tell the boys I love them, and I love you,'" Swailes, the mother of four boys, recalled to ABC News. "And instead of going to the station he walked into our bedroom and he grabbed one of his weapons and shot himself in the head."

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